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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMITH,HUNTER)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMCITS

REF: KINSHASA 4300 (NOTAL)

1. AFTER DISCUSSING WITH DEPTOFF DANGER OF BRINGING KANZA
PUBLICLY INTO PICTURE AT THIS POINT (PARA 7 KINSHASA4300),
DR. HORR AGREED TO CONTACT KANZA AGAIN SIMPLY TO GET HIS
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COMMENTS ON KIDNAPPING AND KIDNAPPERS WITHOUT INDICATING

THAT HE INQUIRING ON BEHALF USG. HERR MET WITH KANZA
MAY 27 AND PASSED FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO DEPARTMENT MAY 25:

A. AT EARLIER MEETING, KANZA HAD THOUGHT SOUMAILLOT
PROBABLY BEHIND KIDNAPPING AND HAD EXPRESSED PESSIMISM
ABOUT CHANCES OF AVOIDING TRAGEDY. WHEN TOLD BY HERR
THAT GROUP HAD ANNOUNCED ITSELF AND NAMED KABILA AS
LEADER, HE BRIGHTENED, SAID: "OH, I KNOW HIM; HE IS A MAN
WITH WHOM ONE CAN DEAL."

B. KANZA LAUGHED AT DEMAND FOR ARMS, WHICH HE SAID
COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE ANYTHING MORE THAN NEGOTIATING PLOY.
ALSO EXPRESSED DOUBT GROUP REALLY EXPECTED GET ANY MONEY.
SAID THEY ALMOST CERTAIN CONCERNED PRINCIPALLY WITH RE-
LEASE OF THEIR PEOPLE AND WOULD LIKELY BE WILLING RELEASE
HOSTAGES IN RETURN FOR THAT ALONE.

C. KANZA SAID HE THOUGHT BEST HOPE OF RESCUING HOSTAGES
WOULD LIE WITH STRIKING QUICK DEAL ON PRP PRISONERS,
BEFORE POSITIONS HARDENED AND PRP BEGAN ADDING NEW
DEMANDS.

2. COMMENT: WHILE WE MUST ASSUME KANZA INTENDED HIS RE-
MARKS FOR OUR EARS AND PERHAPS HAS HIS OWN INTEREST IN
SEEING PRP PRISONERS RELEASED, BELIEVE HIS COMMENTS WORTH
KEEPING IN MIND. WE HAVE TOLD HERR WE SEE NO WAY TO
INVOLVE KANZA IN SITUATION AT THIS TIME BUT THAT WE WILL
BE INTERESTED IN ANY FURTHER INFO HERR MAY DEVELOP IN
FURTHER CONTACTS WITH HIM. INGERSOLL

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